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SUBJ: LOCKHEED AFFAIR: MIYAZAWA STATEMENT

SUMMARY. FONMIN MIYAZAWA SUGGESTS THAT GOJ WOULD NOT NECESSARILY ACCEPT US-IMPOSED CONDITIONS ON RELEASE OF LOCKHEED INFORMATION. COMMENT COMES AMIDST RISING OPPOSITION CRITICISM THAT USG AND GOJ COLLUDING TO PREVENT SIGNIFICANT DISCLOSURES. MEDIA HAS NOT YET MADE CRITICAL COMMENTS, BUT IS EXPECTED TO DO SO IN EVENT USG OFFICIALLY AGREES TO PASS ON INFORMATION WITH CONDITIONS ON PUBLIC RELEASE ATTACHED. IF PROVISION OF INFORMATION COULD BE PLACED IN AN INTERNATIONAL CONTEXT, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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I.E., THAT SAME CONDITIONS WOULD APPLY TO ALL REQUESTING

COUNTRIES, SUCH CRITICISM COULD BE AMELIORATED TO SOME DEGREE. END SUMMARY.

1. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, FONMIN MIYAZAWA TOLD A MARCH 4 SESSION OF THE UPPER HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE THAT IN THE EVENT THE US SHOULD ATTACH CONDITIONS TO INFORMATION IT FURNISHED TO JAPAN IN THE LOCKHEED CASE, JAPAN WOULD NOT NECESSARILY ACCEPT THESE UNCONDITIONALLY. HE REITERATED GOJ POLICY ON FULL DISCLOSURE, BUT SAID THAT HANDLING OF US CONDITIONS AND OF THE INFORMATION ITSELF WOULD BE UP TO THE CABINET LIAISON COUNCIL. HE WENT ON TO POINT OUT THAT SEC CHAIRMAN HILL'S MARCH 3 STATEMENTS ON THE PROVISION OF LOCKHEED INFORMATION REPRESENT ONE OPINION WITHIN THE USG AND THAT USG HAD NOT COMMUNICATED ANY CONDITIONS FOR THE TRANSFER OF LOCKHEED INFORMATION TO THE GOJ.

2. COMMENT. MIYAZAWA'S STATEMENTS CAME AMIDST RISING OPPOSITION CRITICISM THAT USG AND GOJ OFFICIALS ARE CONSULTING ON HOW TO HANDLE RELEASE OF LOCKHEED INFORMATION. OPPOSITION VIEWS ON HILL'S STATEMENTS AND APPARENT WILLINGNESS OF GOJ TO ACCEPT CONDITIONS-AS SEEN IN MIKI AND IDE STATEMENTS - AS EVIDENCE OF THIS IN EFFORT TO WITHHOLD INFORMATION, PREVENT THE DISCLOSURE OF NAMES AND ULTIMATELY SWEEP ENTIRE PROBLEM UNDER THE RUG. MEDIA HAS NOT YET COMMENTED, BUT IT IS LIKELY THAT ATTACHMENT OF CONDITIONS WHICH WOULD PREVENT OR DELAY PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BY USG, WILL INVITE RASH OF CRITICISM AND RENEWED DEMANDS FOR FULL DISCLOSURE.

3. SUCH SUSPICIONS AND CRITICISM COULD BE AMELIORATED SOMEWHAT IF LOCKHEED DISCLOSURES WERE PUT IN AN INTERNATIONAL CONTEXT BY MAKING IT CLEAR THAT LOCKHEED INFORMATION WAS BEING RELEASED TO ALL REQUESTING GOVERNMENTS WITH THE SAME CONDITIONS ATTACHED.
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